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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NUCLEAR PROGRAM

1. CNEA PRESIDENT CASTRO MADERO, ACCOMPANIED BY MOST OF CNEA TOP STAFF, MADE EXTENSIVE PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT VIDELA AND SEVERAL MINISTERS, INCLUDING ECONOMY MINISTER MARTINEZ DE HOZ, IN LENGTHY MEETING AUG. 5. FOLLOWING MEETING, PRESS REPORTED THAT VIDELA HAD ORDERED PLANS TO PROCEED FOR 3RD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, AND THAT IT WAS TO BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL ARGENTINE ENERGY PLAN BEING DEVELOPED BY ENERGY SECRETARIAT AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY END OF YEAR.

2. CASTRO MADERO WAS GUEST OF HONOR FOLLOWING DAY AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY CHARGE, AND ENERGY UNDERSECRETARY BRONSTEIN WAS ONE OF GUESTS. FROM DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME, IT APPEARS PRESS REPORTS (PARTICULARLY HEADLINES)

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SLIGHTLY MISLEADING. BRONSTEIN (NO DOUBT WITH STRONG

BACKING OF ENERGY SEC. ZUBARAN AND MARTIENZ DE HOZ)
PUSHING FOR ORDERED APPROACH TO CONSTRUCTION OF POWER
PLANTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND WITH FINANCING
PROSPECTS KEPT FIRMLY IN VIEW. HE HAS IN MIND PREPARATION
OF CURVE OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS WITH APPROX. COST OF EACH.
CONSTRUCTION WOULD ORDINARILY PROCEED ON BASIS OF MOST
ECONOMICAL PROJECTS 1ST, ET. POLITICAL DECISIONS COULD
OCCASIONALLY BE MADE TO SELECT A SLIGHTLY HIGHER COST
PROJECT, BUT NOT ONE WHICH WAS WAY OUT OF LINE. HE
OBSERVED THAT BRAZIL HAS BEEN FOLLOWING SUCH AN APPROACH,
WITH WHICH IT HAS MERITED THE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL
LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE TEND TO THINK THAT THE ECONOMY MINISTRY
(WHICH INEVITIABLY CONTROLS THE FUNDS) WILL PREVAIL IN THIS
STRUGGLE, AND THAT THE NEXT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (WHICH
ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BE ATUCHA 2, PRESS REPORTS TO THE
CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING) WILL NOT BE COMMITTED UNTIL THE
OVERALL STUDY IS COMPLETED. ON OTHER HAND, NUCLEAR WILL
PROBABLY COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH HYDRO PROJECTS ON ECONOMIC
BASIS. HENCE, DECISION COULD WELL BE REACHED IN 1977 TO
PROCEED AND CALL FOR NECESSARY BIDS FOR ATUCHA 2. SO FAR,
IT STILL LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE ANOTHER CANDU, CANADA WILLING.

4. ABOVE MAY BE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR THOSE MEETINGS WITH
CASTRO MADERO, WHO BEGINNING 2-WEEK IVP VISIT TO U.S.

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